

## POLICE SAY WESNER CONDUCTED MODERN "SCHOOL FOR CRIME"

Alleged "Fagin" Said to Have Taught Messenger Boys to Steal.

Detectives raided an alleged "fence" at No. 18 Eldridge street early today, seized goods worth \$10,000 and arrested five men.

Max Wesner, one of the men, is said to be a typical Fagin. According to Central Office Detective McGee, Wesner advertised for messenger boys, those who responded and then sent them out to get jobs as delivery boys and steal packages they were supposed to deliver.

Wesner recently was fined \$50 in the Federal Court for violating the Espionage law. Two cases are pending against him in General Sessions as the result of a raid made by McGee last December. At that time a boy who was arrested with Wesner gave a confession. McGee had him released under a suspended sentence, on the understanding that he would lead an honest life and keep a sharp lookout for thieves. The Central Office man met the boy last evening.

"I've got a hard one to deal with," McGee said to the youngster. "A package worth \$200 was stolen from in front of No. 221 Livingston street." "I know about it," exclaimed the youngster. "It's David Blaser's store. I saw a man take the package and put it in a pushcart and I took the number of the cart 'cause I thought the man was a thief."

McGee traced the cart to No. 18 Eldridge street. The Central Office man summoned Detectives Herbert and Rose of the Clinton street station and they raided the place, arresting Wesner, Philip Bolal of No. 67 Seventh avenue, who the police say has just been released from the penitentiary; Max Rosenzweig, No. 121 Allen street; Michael Moskowitz, No. 230 Second avenue; and Harry Weyman, No. 240 East Houston street.

## MESSENGER'S CLOTHES DON'T FIT HIS WAGES

Boy Who Dressed Like a Millionaire on \$6 a Week Arrested.

Detectives Brenick and Murphy of the West Thirtieth street station were struck by the remark of William Brady, a \$6 a week messenger, when they looked over the employees of Lord & Taylor in the hope of discovering the thief who, in the last month, has stolen five suit cases worth \$40 and four suits of clothes worth \$125. Brady wore a green hat of the latest fashion, a handsome gray overcoat and a gray suit, very English in cut. Patent leather shoes with tan uppers adorned his feet and from his arm swung a fine stick.

"One of the boys," suggested the police detectives to a store detective. "Must be," responded the store man. "I'll find out."

Brady, according to the detectives, admitted that he had stolen the suit cases and clothes, declaring that he had a passion for fine array which he could not satisfy on \$6 a week. He also told them that he had sold two of the suits and a suit case to S. Herman, manager of the Rochester Clothing Company of No. 514 Seventh avenue. The detectives arrested Herman for receiving stolen goods.

## CLOCK ON POOL PARLORS.

Nearly All Must Close at 1 o'clock Under New Order.

Julian Rosenthal, Chief of the Bureau of Licenses, says pool parlors must close at 1 o'clock in the morning unless there is very good reason for keeping them open later. At the latest they must not remain open after 2 o'clock. Licenses to keep open until 2 o'clock will be given to a few of the big pool halls in the White Light district and elsewhere whose reputations are beyond doubt. Many criminal careers have begun in pool parlors that remain open all night, remarked Mr. Rosenthal. "New York is dotted with these resorts and investigators find that young men who lead lives that are in conflict with the regularly ordained rules of society make their first steps in crime in these places of pool parlors." Rabbi Magnes of the Kehillah, or Jewish Community, is backing Rosenthal's plan for pool and billiard parlor regulation. At next Tuesday's meeting of the Board of Aldermen, Abraham Levy of Brooklyn will introduce an ordinance covering the changes suggested by Rosenthal.

## PELLED BEHIND COUNTER.

Storekeeper Attacked by Nasty Negro He Never Saw Before.

A six-foot negro walked into the grocery store of Michael Hinnars at No. 1833 Broadway, the Bronx, to-day and, without a word, reached over the counter and struck Hinnars on the head with a heavy chisel wrapped in cloth and tied firmly with string. Hinnars, who is sixty-three years old, dropped unconscious behind the counter, and several women customers in the store fled in fright as the negro dashed by them. Hinnars was taken to Lebonan hospital, where he recovered consciousness. He said he never saw the negro before, but he had no trouble with any other customer and cannot account for the assault. The injury is not serious.

## THIEF CAUGHT AT WORK IN RUSSIAN CONSULATE

Detectives Were on Lookout There, as Consul Had Complained of Pickpockets.

In the crowd of Russians flocking into the old fashioned mansion at No. 28 North Washington square to-day a slender and shifty individual made his way as if to get advice from the Russian Consul, whose headquarters are there. Behind him two poorly clad men followed.

Within the old mansion there was suddenly a lifting of voices of men and women in alarm crying "thief" and then the little Russian found steel bracelets on his wrists. The two men who had followed him were Detectives Griffith and Murphy of Headquarters.

The prisoner proved to be Julius Frank, alias Wharofsky, alias Green, alias Itsky, a noted pickpocket on both sides of the Atlantic. He has served prison terms in Berlin and many on this side in penitentiaries and jails. He has been arrested fifteen times in New York, and two years ago made a desperate effort to escape while being taken from the Tombs to the Criminal Courts Building over the Bridge of Signs.

Frank was caught with his hand in the pocket of Adam Majensky. The detectives let him draw it forth with a wallet containing \$4. The Russian Consul had complained that pickpockets were working among the visitors to the consulate.

Potts Wants Bank of Rear-Admiral WASHINGTON, March 11.—Capt. Tamplin M. Potts, recently retired from the navy active list by the plucking board, was before the Senate Naval Committee to-day asking appointment to the list of Rear-Admirals, under a bill by Senator Chilton. As ranking captain last March he passed an examination for promotion when the plucking board retired him.

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